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NO WORD FROM MAFEKING

An Official Confirmation of Its Re lief Still Lacking.

Reliable News From South Africa Scarce - War Correspondents at Lourenco Marques Sending Stories coses-Stated in Pretoria That Brede Is Now the Capital of the Tree State-Foreign Consuls Told to Look After Their Countrymen in Johannesburg-Kruger Sald to Have Humbly Sued for Pence.

LONDON May 21 .- Neither the Government nor General Roberts has yet heard | looted. directly from Mafeking. Records of rejoicing over the reported relief of the tow from every part of the Empire fill the columns of the newspapers. All tell the same story of delirious jubilations. The reliable news of the whole South African situation does not amount to a great deal, but the correspondents at Lourence Marques, apparently stimulated by the enthuplasm aroused by the report of the raising of the siege of Mafeking, revel in sensational despatches.

Among the stories they transmitted to some of the leading papers for Sunday are assertions that the British have captured the entire Boer force around Mafeking, including their guns; that the British occupled Klerksdorp without opposition last Thursday; that the Boers and the British raced for possession of the Vereniging Bridge over the Vanl River, and that the Boers won and destroyed the bridge; that President Steyn, when he left Pretoria, more probably went to Lourenco Marques than to the Free State; that the Dutch cruiser Friceland is making extensive preparations for the reception of the Hollander refugees, and finally, that the Boers are losing faith in Providence.

Time can only show whether there is even a substratum of truth in any of these reports. Nothing was received from General Roberts yesterday, from which it can be inferred that the British are near Klerksdorp or Vereniging.

A despatch to the "Morning Post" from Kroonstad, dated Friday, says that the lines which the Boers are entrenching along the Vaal River extends west as far as Klerksdorp.

A despatch from Maseru, Basutoland, dated May 18, says that large bodies of the Boers are reported to have returned from the direction of Bethiehem with the Intention of opposing General Rundle and are taking a strong position at Fricksburg. Their next plan includes retiring into the ugly country between Fricksburg and Bethlehem, which offers peculiar advantages for ambuscades.

It is stated in Pretoria and Kroonstad that Vrede is now the capital of the Free State and that President Steyn is there. It is also announced in Pretoria that the burghers are joining Commandant General Botha in great numbers and that Johannesburg will be defended. The consuls of the neutral powers have been adse the Government will not hold itself re-sponsible for injury to persons or dam-deserted by fighting men. perty. From the sa ie source it has suggested to General Roberts an exchange of prisoners on parole.

The correspondents in Natal add only portant details to General Buller's latest despatch. A despatch from Pietermaritzburg, however, is to the effect that General Dundonald has reached Laing's Nek, but did not attack the Boers there as they hold the place strongly. This con-firms the idea that this famous position which can be defended by a comparative handful of men against an army, will not

Rumors come from Lourenco Marques and elsewhere that the Boers are sick of the war and that President Kruger is seeking peace. The "Express" claims to have the best reason for stating that in the last twenty-four hours a telegram was received at the Foreign Office addressed maily to Lord Salisbury by President er proposing terms of peace. The terms of the message cannot be stated, but they are believed to be couched

in an exceedingly humble strain.

The correspondent of the "Times" at Lourence Marques says it is the common belief there that the Boers are thoroughly disheartened. The basis for this statement is the testimony of the most recent arrivals from Pretoria. They say the residents are quite unable to predict whether the capital is to be defended or not. The archives are said to be already loaded for Yemoval to Lydenburg.

On the other hand, nothing has been to strengthen the national defences in the region of Lydenburg. The talk of removing the Government to that place may be a ruse to delude General Roberts int the belief that Prescria will make no re Roberts into sistence. The Boer ruling clique is said to be quite unable to agree as to what ought to be done. Judging from the present demoralization among the Borrs, it is improbable that any considerable number of them will submit to the invest-Pretoria. President Kruger's chief alm ong the campaign so as to enable the RIOT AT AN ANTI-WAR MEETING peace mission to "do something to justif the lavish expenditure of Transvaul gold which has taken place in Europe and

MERELY RECORDS A REPORT.

Roberts Knows Nothing Official Relief of Mafeking.

LONDON, May 20.-The War Office has received a despatch from General Roberts dated May 20, 3 p. m., in which he records the reported relief of Mafeking, but says he has received no official information that the siege has been raised. He adds: "Rundle has occupied Bresler's Flat, Trommel and Colcolan, the enemy, having retired to Senekal and Ficksburg.

General Roberts sends the details of the surrender of a field cornet and eighty-six burghers at Boshof. Three hundred rifles and 3,500 rounds of ammunition we tured at Hoopstad, and between Boshot

Commandant Philip Botha Captured. LONDON, May 20.-An official despatch from Kroonstad says that Botha, who was reported on Friday to have been captured, was Commandant Philip Botha, not Com-mandant General Louis Botha,

Boers Return a Gan to the British. LONDON, May 21.-A despatch to the "Telegraph" from Kroonstad says that the Boers have returned to the British a Maxim gun they captured at Nicholson's

Revised Prices on Plastering Laths,

BOER GENERALS WEAKEN.

Villem Bothn Yields, and De Wet Makes a Conditional Tender.

KROONSTAD, May 19 .- (3:30 p. m.). Among the Boers who tendered their arms to the British this morning was Willem Botha, General De Wet offered the submission of a thousand of the burghers on condition that they were not sent to Cape Town or St. Helena. The condition was not accepted and a reply was sent to him saying that he must first submit and he would then learn the disposition that would be made of himself and his men.

According to a native report Boer scouts attired in uniforms identically the same as those worn by the British are visiting the farms beyond Bothavalle. They repeat the substance of the proclamation recently issued by General Roberts to the burghers, and announce if the terms therein are accepted the persons accepting them will be deported and their fare:s

A train is expected here today. TERMS ASKED BY DE WET.

surrender on Condition That Men May Return Home.

KROONSTAD, May 20 .- (4:40 p. m.) .-Gen. Piet De Wet, with 900 men, is langered on his own farm, thirty-five miles porth of here on the banks of Rhenoster Spruit. He says that he is still tendering his submission on condition that his men are allowed to return to their homes. The Boers elsewhere are moving north. The commandos raised in northern Cape Colony have all decided to trek and remain in the Transvaal. General Botha's force is now largely

composed of foreigners.

He has thirty nominal attaches to act as military advisers. Prominent among these is the American Reichmann,

OPPOSED BY DELAREY.

A Correspondent's Account of the

Relief of Mafeking. PRETORIA, May 19 .- A western borde orrespondent telegraphs that the relief column entered Mafeking Wednesday night, General Delarey engaged them successfully during the whole of Wednesday, but in the night one of his officers withdrew with-out the general's knowledge, thus leaving a way clear for the column to enter.

ADVANCE OF ROBERTS' ARMY. Some Late Details of the Occupation

of Kroonstad. KROONSTAD, May 18-(By post to ing Bloemfontein the British troops have made magnificent marches. The infantry are in fine condition and they have showed gan great stamina. They covered 139 miles in nine days. Whenever they came in touch with the enemy, their overwhelming numerical superiority forced the Boers to

flee before them.

Gen. Ian Hamilton's command did most of the fighting, meeting with strong opposition at the Zand River. The main column, under General Pole-Carew, escorted General Roberts. It never checked its advance. It shelled the Boors on the its advance. It shelled the Boers on the north side of the drift while they were re-treating before General Hamilton. General Gordon's brigade is now at-

tached to General Roberts' corps. Troops scouting for his column had sharp skirm-ishes with the enemy before the latter retired from Kroonstad. Volleys were exchanged with the burghers, the latter firing from bushes 400 yards in the rear of vised to look after their fellow citizens, new and unused trenches. When the army

is stated that the Transval Government siastic. It is said that the Boers left the town indescribably disorganized. There was much drunkenness among them. One commander tried to raise men to attack General French's cavalry, but only seventeen volunteers responded. Before leaving the Irish Brigade blew up the railway bridge and set fire to the railway freight sheds, which contained large quantities of

mealies, flour, and forage.

President Steyn attempted to rally the Free State Boers to make a final stand south of Kroonstad, but he was unsuccessful. Many farmers are returning to their homes. The remainder of the Boers are going north apparently without any inten-

THE TOWN LITTLE DAMAGED. Newcastle Residents Pay Tribute to

Boers for Kind Treatment. NEWCASTLE, Natal, May 18.-This town was little damaged by the Boers during their occupancy. The residents pay a tribute to the burghers for their consider-

ate treatment, including the appointment of British subjects to local offices, YIELDS TO BROADWOOD.

The Town of Lindley Surrendered to the British General.

LINDLEY, May 17.-General Broadwood's cavalry arrived here this evening. and occupied the heights on the nort- side of the town. A merange was sent to the landdrost demanding the surrender of the place, but as he was absent the municipal officers met in the street and discussed the demand.

It was finally decided to make no resistance, and a botel-keeper and the jailer were sent to deliver the keys to General Broadwood. Two hundred and fifty Boers sniped the British for two hours.

Mr. Cronwright Schreiner Imprison ed in the Hall by a Mob. LONDON, May 20.-An anti-war meeting at Aberdeen, under the auspices of the Socialist Federation, at which Mr.

to serious rioting. The streets in the neighborhood of the Trades Hall, where the meeting was held, were blocked by a United States gunboat Wheeling, who has mob, who alternately hooted and sang been detached from duty and ordered to been detached from duty was in patriotic songs. The police attempted to disperse the crowd, but though they used their batons, their efforts were of no avail. Two hun-

dred Gordon Highlanders were marched through the mob, dividing it into sections. The rioters cheered the troops. At midnight Mr. Schreiner was still in the hall, having been unable to escape. Troops are protecting him.

INSURANCE BILL UNPOPULAR .-The Swiss Plebiseite Overturns

Legislative Measure. BERNE, May 26.-The Chamber of Deputies, with only one dissenting vote, recently adopted a bill making insurance against sickness and accidents compulsory. Today a popular plebiseite rejected the measure by a majority of 195,600.

CHESAPEAKE BEACH-ON THE BAY.

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THE PASSION PLAY GIVEN

Large Crowds Witness the Performance at Oberammergau.

Anton Lang Takes the Role of Christus, While Mayr Speaks the Prologne-Zwink Gives a Powerful Presentation of the Character of Judas-Perfection of the Tableaux.

OBERAMMERGAU, May 20 .- The first performance of the Passion Play this year was given today. Hundreds of persons arrived yesterday to witness the production Among the English-speaking visitors Americans predominated. It was very wet yesterday, and the visitors who arrived then found it hard work to fill in the time, They trudged along the muddy streets or took refuge in the shops, where they bought illustrated post cards, carvings, and photographs. The hills which practically surround the village were velled in mist, which occasionally lifted enough to show

the snow-capped summits, Contrary to expectation the weather today was bright and sunny. By 8 o'clock the new theatre, which holds 4,000 persons, was almost filled, the few empty seats being the most expensive ones. The rest of the house was crowded with peasants from the surrounding villages, who were easily distinguishable by their short hair, the residents of Oberammergau letting their hair grow long, with the view of taking part in the play.

Too much has been said of the lovely natural scenery forming the background of the stage. As a matter of fact, only a hilltop or the right hand is visible. The stage is uncovered, but in the centre is a covered place, where the tableaux and much of the action is carried on.

The chief interest for previous visitors was Anton Lang's performance of Christus, he replacing Mayr. To the others the whole performance was deeply interesting and so enthralling that many were surprised when noon arrived, when there was an interval in the performance until

The new Christus was remarkably uccessful, acting with subdued force, which was most impressive. The idea that a representation of Christ on the stage is repellant would only occur to one who had Brandfort, May 20, 1:50 p. m.).-Since leav- never been to Oberammergau. If anyone came here with that preconceived idea it died out imperceptibly once the play be-

The most dramatic part, that of Judas, was played by Zwink, who played it in 1890. This year he has toned down the extravagances which then almost caused laughter. His delivery of several long soliloquies would cause him to rank high

in any country as an actor.

The management of the stage crowds was marvelous. Of the 1,409 population of the village, 685 were employed in the production fifty being women and 200 children, some apparently only two or three years old, yet the strongest glass showed no movement on their part in many tableaux. The play is a real play, with the plot worked out in consecutive acts, the tableaux being only illustrations that are introduced occasionally and explained by a chorus of thirty-five persons, who line the stage in front, withdrawing when Mayr, the speaker of the prologue, had recited and when they had

Mayr's powerful and distinct e'ocution made it easy to understand his successful past performances as Christus. The scene of the crucifixion is the climax of the play, but while it was in no way re-pulsive it was painful, and falled to stir the feelings like a scene a little earlier. when Mary meets the procession on the way to Calvary and recognizes her son as the cross-bearer and cries: "Es ist mein

Whether the performance is developing into a money-making scheme for the benefit of the villagers rather than religion would be difficult to decide. Many things about the village point to the former, but if so it has been forced upon the villagers from the outside and does not affect the performance. The place is easy of access, and complete ignorance of German does not prevent enjoyment of one of the few things in the world that is still unique

DOWAGER EMPRESS FURIOUS. Trying to Discover Who Revenled Her Kidnaping Plot.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 20 .- News from Shanghal says that the Empress Dowage: is making every effort to discover who revealed the secret order which she sent to Viceroy Li Hung Chang, urging him to send two swift cruisers to Singapore, land a party of marines and kidnap Kang Yu and William Rappard, of Smamokin. Wel, the young leader of the reform party Li Hung Chang telegraphed back to Pekir that news of her plan had already been sent to Singapore and that it would be idle to attempt to capture Kang, as he was

This put the Empress into a great rage, and she replied to despatch the vessels and follow orders or some heads would fall. So the Viceroy sent orders to Admiral Yeh, and the latter sent two cruisers, but,

course, they could do nothing.

Now Prince Ching, acting under imperial orders, is making a careful enquiry in regard to the leak in the telegraph service

CITY OF PEKIN IN PORT.

that gave timely warning to Kang.

Large Number of Chinese and Japnnese Steerage Passengers.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 26 .- The Pacific Mail steamer City of Pekin arrived this afternoon from China and Japan with 500 Cronwright Schreiner was a speaker, led Japanese and fifty Chinese in the steer-

Among the cabin passengers was Lieu report to Washington. Beatty was in charge of the Wheeling in Hongkong Harbor on the Chinese Emperor's birth-day when an explosion of cartridges occurred and seven men were injured. The cartridges exploded while a salute was being fired.

Rear Admiral A. Duplessis De Richelieu. head of the Siamese pavy, is also on board. He is a Dane and holds a commis-sion in the Danish navy. He says the King of Siam will visit America next year.

Ocean Steamship Movements. NEW YORK, May 24-Arrived out: Friedrich Der Grosse, from New York at Bremen. Chesapenke Chantauqua-Season 1900

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REBELS MOWED DOWN. merleans at Agayan Kill Fifty-two

WASHINGTON, MONDAY, MAY 21, 1900.

Insurgents. MANILA, May 20 .- (6:40 p. m.) .- Captains Elliott and France, with eighty men of the Fortieth Infantry, have had an engagement with 500 insurgents at Aguyan, near Cagnyan. The rebels lost fifty-two killed and the Americans two killed and three wounded. The infantry men captured thirty-one rifles and thousand rounds of ammunition.

The Sultan of Mindanao has asked General Kobbe to approve the selection of Dato Mandi as heir to the sultanate. Dato Mandi is a good friend of the Americans. FIELD LEFT TO NATIONALISTS.

The Democratic Union WIII Be Asked to Abstain From Voting. HAVANA, May 20,-The executive comnittee of the Democratic Union at a meeting last night decided to publish a manifesto urging the party to abstain from voting at the coming elections. No reason lie, but the committee says it will ex-

plain it in a subsequent manifesto.

The real reason, of course, is that the committee sees that the party cannot win. One of the committee says that the manifesto will declare that the election will be a low robbery, deliberately planned to give the victory to the Nationalists, This charge is ridiculous, as, if the Americans favor any party it is the Democratic Un-ion as being the most conservative. The whole field will be now left to the Nationals, who are making strenuous efforts to have General Rodriguez the only can-didate for mayor.

MYSTERY IN A MURDER

Young Lawyer Picked Up Fatally Injured in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, May 26 .- A murder that for brutality and obscure motive parallels that of Major William Wilson two years ago, was committed here late last night. The victim was Roy Wilson White aged twenty-six years, a brilliant young lawyer and lecturer of the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. White was found dying, his face beaten into a pulp, the bones of the back of his head fractured in three places, and his front teeth knock-

Street, within two hundred yards of the Powelton Avenue station of the Pennsyl-vania Raliroad. He was taken to the Pres-byterian Hospital, where he died at 2 clock this morning.

The police were not notified of the crime until White was dead. At 2 o'clock a score of special officers and detectives started out on the case, and though they have been working all day, at midnight they are as much at sea as they were when they commenced. The only theory they seem to have is that he was attacked by footpads, the purpose being robbery, and that they failed to get anything because of the approach of some person. This theory is admissible on' from the fact that one of the vest possets was turned inside out, as if something had hastily been pulled from it. Two checks, one for \$5 and one for \$2, \$16 in (28h, and some papers were in the pockets when he arrived at the hospital.

The police learned today that Prof. While had been at the university late last night "quizzing" a lot of the sits. He left the college about 10 o'cle". To waik to the place where he was to and would have taken not over fifteen mic ites, and so the crime must have been committed about 10:20. The place where he body was found is dark and lonely at all times, and last night, in the heavy rain, it was de-serted. There were, however, people at the railroad station, but none of them who

have been found heard a cry. At 19:19 o'clock Ralph Hartman, a mes senger, employed at the railroad station passed near the place, and was accested by two negroes. He saw these men only for a fraction of a minute, but he gay police a description, strength of that a score of colored men

have been arrested. Prof. White was born in Richmond, Ind., and was twenty-six years old. He was a son of Prof. Roy White, of Earlham College, Earlham, Ind. He came to the University of Pennsylvania about two years ago and finished his studies there. Last year he went to Paris, where he made a study of the French code and this year he had been lecturing on French law. His brother, Thomas Reyturn White, is practicing law here and with him and their nother and four sisters he lived on Maple good Avenue, Germantown.

FIVE FOUND GUILTY.

Verdict Returned in the Shamokin Council Conspiracy Case.

SUNBURY, Pa., May 20.-The jury in the Shamokin council conspiracy trial this morning returned a verillet of guilty against Councilman E. O. Zurn, Thomas

Select Councilman H. L. Boas, of Reading, and Maier Rothehild, of Shamokin, agents of the Montello Brick Company, of Reading; W. E. Dixey, of Philadelphia, representing the Alcatraz Paving Company, of that city, E. S. Ettia, of Clear field, and Harry Dixey, of Philadelphia representing the Clearfield Clay Working Company, were acquitted, W. E. Kepp Huger, of Canton, Ohio, and S. W. Seamo of Philadelphia, two more brick agent were indicted, but the former could not be located in Ohio, while the latter went to Cuba. Scamon also represented the Alcatraz Company, while Kepplinger was agen for the Aetna Brick Company, of Canton,

The trial was started ten days ago and was bitterly contested by some of the best lawyers in the State. During 1898 and 1899 over \$175,000 of street paving was contracted for, during which thousands of dollars were alleged to have been distributed by agents to the councilmen. Several of the latter played detective to receive bribes, after which the plot was revealed and the arrests made last spring.

WOMAN HANDLES A PISTOL.

Kills One Man and Wounds Another in Self-Defence.

MEMPHIS, May 20,-Mrs. T. F. Mc Kenna, wife of the proprletor of a grocery in Front Street, proved herself a remarkable marksman this morning, when she put a bullet in the brain of Ed Whittington and another in the face of Denia Brogan and caused a hasty retreat by Tom Cole-

The three men, miners, entered th cery and assaulted the porter. McKenna attempted to make peace, but he was flooored. Mrs. McKenna joined in the fray, she was knocked down with a baseball bat in the hand of Whittington. The woman in the hand of Whittington. The rallied, rushed behind the counter, bed a pistol and ker first shot killed Whittington. The next shot brought Bro-gan down with a bullet in his head. He will die. The third passed through Coleman's clothing.
Mrs. McKenna and her husband were ar rested

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CANOE RIDE'S SAD ENDING

Two Princeton Students Drowned While Shooting a Dam.

enturesome Collegians Resolve to Go Over the Falls. While Comrades Watch From the Bank-Frail Craft Capsizes and Precipitates the Boys Into the Swift Current.

PRINCETON, N. J., May 20,-While attempting to shoot a dam in Milistone Creek, about three miles from Princeton, in a canoe, this afternoon, two sophomores of Princeton University were thrown into the water and drowned. They are Christopher Colon Auger, of Evanston, Ill., aged twenty, and Philip Kingsland Hay, of Nutley, N. J., nineteen years old. The former is the son of Major Auger, of the Fourth for this action has as yet been made pub- United States Cavalry, stationed in the

Philippines. After luncheon, in company with Edga C. Rowe, of Evanston, Ill., and Damon P. Feiffer, of Williamstown, Pa., also sophomores, and Kingsland Hay, the drowned student's younger brother, who had come to Princeton to spend the day, Philip Hay and Auger started for the creek. The party went to the university boathouse at the foot of Washington Street, where the boys had their canoes stored, and at about 2 o'clock they put out in the stream, float-

ing down with the current. Hay and Auger were together in one anoe, and the remainder of the company had another. Owing to the recent heavy fall of rain the creek was badly swollen.

About two miles from Princeton is a large dam in the creek, and the students arrived at this place about 4 o'clock. There was only about eighteen inches drop to the dam, and as the boys had heard that other students had gone over the falls safely they decided to make the attempt. Hay and Auger, however, took the lead while the other three disembarked on the bank to watch the success of the trial. According to the accounts of those on the shore, the canoe cleared the falls all right, but immediately afterward swung around sideways so that it caught the full force of the current on the broadside. It cap-sized and entirely disappeared under the water with the boys beneath it. When, several seconds later, it came to the sur-face again about ten feet below the falls, there was no trace of the students who had been in it. The three boys on the bank ran to the stone bridge fifty feet below the dam. When they reached it they saw Auger and Hay come to the surface but only for an instant, as they then went down for the last time. One of the boys said that Auger, who was a powerful, swimmer, tried to battle with the current, but it was too strong for him.

Hay's brother on the bridge was frantic with grief, and the two students were obliged to hold him to prevent him from jumping into the water. Boats and ropes were procured as soon as possible, but the boys did not appear again. The water be-low the dam is about ten feet deep, and it is thought that the boys were earried under by the suction. Parties with grap-pling irons began working immediately after the accident, but no traces were dis covered until two hours later, when the body of Auger was pulled up a few feet

above the bridge. Hay's body has not yet been recovered but the search will be kept up all night. Both students were among the most popu lar in their class, having lately received elections to the Cap and Gown Club. They were members of the Sophemore Club Varuna. Auger was a candidate for the po-sition of baseball manager at the recent

FIVE LINES OPERATED.

St. Louis Street Cars Run Under Pr tection of Police.

ST. LOUIS, May 20 .- The Transit Com pany operated five lines today from 8 o'clock in the morning until 7 in the evening under police protection. They were the Park Avenue, Compton Heights, Del-

mar, Laclede, and Page Avenue lines. The cars were few in number and run a long intervals except just at noon hour There were several incipient riots, but ing the day. A riot call was sent in from Thirteenth Street and Washington Ave-nue at 4 o'clock, where a car had been derailed and a crowd of two or three hun dred persons gathered. Upon the arrival of the pairol wagon with a squad of po-lice the crowd was dispersed, but little resistance being offered. Several arrests were made of persons for throwing

In many parts of the city a preparation of potash, sulphur, and sand was spread on the rails, with the result that when a car passed over there was a loud detona-

tion, frightening passengers so that they were glad to disembark. No attempt was made to operate crosstown. I'ves today, owing to extensive wire At 4609 North Grand Avenue a block of limestone weighing between three and four tons was moved 260 yards and placed squarely over the Broadway conduit.

VIGILANTES PATROL STREETS. Joplin, Mo., Citizens Attempt to

a Check to Crime. JOPLIN, Mo., May 20 .- Joplin sent out bands of vigilantes jast night to assist the police in checking crime. Fifty of the vigilantes were mounted and one hundred were afoot. From midnight until dawn these armed men patroled the city. only a few suspects were captured, the past year highway robberies, the past year highway robberies, bur-glaries, and other crimes have been committed, and the criminals have evaded the police. Even after blowing open safes with dynamite they would get away with the booty, leaving no clew behind.

Ten days ago, in attempting to rob two young men, highwaymen murdered one and wounded the other. This led to an up rising of citizens last night, for Saturday when the miners are paid off, is always the worst time. Former Mayor Cunning-ham, of Joplin, who is at the head of the anti-horse thief league, is at the head of the vigilance committee

WIFE KILLED BY ACCIDENT.

Shot by Her Husband While Engaged in Hunting for Rats.

PAULDING, Ohio, May 20.-Simon W. Cramer accidently shot and killed his wife this morning. Mr. and Mrs. Cramer were attempting to dislodge a rat from a pile of debris. Mrs. Cramer was on the opposite side of a woodshed from her hus-band, who held in his band a loaded shotgun. He thought he saw the rat and fired striking Mrs. Cramer full in the face. Death was almost instantaneous. At the coroner's inquest a verdlet of accidental hooting was rendered.

Mrs. Cramer was born in Allen County,

and has been a resident here twent years. She was sixty years old. Lowest bids on Lumber and Millwork When others ask lower-call first at

MAYOR HARRISON WITHDRAWS.

Longer Candidate for Illinois Gubernatorial Nomination.

CHICAGO, May 20 .- At the meeting of the Cook County Democratic Club held this afternoon, Robert E. Burke acting as the mayor's spokesman made the official announcement of the withdrawal of Carter Harrison as gubernatorial candidate. Following this declaration the 250 members present endorsed Judge Murray F. Tuley as the candidate for Governor.

A BANK'S MISSING FUNDS.

Believed to Have Been Found by

Mexican Sheep Herder. MONTEREY, Mex., May 20 .- The \$160,060 tolen by Cashier John B. Koetting from the South Side Savings Bank, of Milwaukee, in 1893, is believed to have been found by a sheep herder. The loss of the sum caused the failure of that institution. The defaulting official brought the money to Monterey and buried it, and frequent In the spring of 1893 Milwaukee went

a number of the most prominent business of homes. In the space of a few days, four banks failed, among them the South Side Savings Bank, the only institution of its kind in that part of the city. After the failure Koetting disappeared.

A short time later the State bank examination of the books showed that the cash-ler's accounts were falsified and that he was a defaulter to the extent of \$199,000. He fied to Topo Chico Springs, Mex., but later returned to Milwaukee, was tried and sentenced to a term in the penitentiary.
At his trial Koetting testified that he

lost the money in bad investments. Stock-holders in the bank, after the examinaholders in the bank, after the examina-tion of the books by experts, refused to believe this, as it was proved to their satis-faction that the money was taken in a lump sum but a few days before Koetting's flight. Detectives went to Mexico to see if the money had been deposited there, but

found no trace of it.

A few weeks ago a poor sheep-herde came into a little store at Topo Chico and changed an American \$5 bill. He might have got it from one of the guests of the hotel, so no questions were asked, and he was given the change.

The next week he went into the same

store and presented an American \$100 Trensury note and asked to have it given to him in Mexican money, making small purchases. The police were notified and the man was watched. Next week the man became boider. He confessed that he found the money accidentally while herding his sheep on the hills back of Topo Chico, but he absolutely refuses to give any further information. That the police will succeed in getting it out of him there is no doubt. The man was taken to the penitentiary today. There is no doubt in the minds of the

authorities that the money is part of Koetting's treasure which he undoubtedly buried while here hoping to have it as a working capital with which to begin life anew on the expiration of his penitentiary

USED GRAPE VINE FOR A ROPE.

Peculiar Suicide Discovered in the Woods by Small Boys. WILKESBARRE, Pa., May 20 .- A pecu llar suicide was discovered last night by two small boys, Emitz Nitz and Joseph Beyer, who were on their way about 7 o'clock in the evening, to fish in Abraham's Creek, near West Wyoming. They came upon the body of a man hanging to a tree, with his legs stretched on the ground. At first they thought he was drunk, for he was apparently sitting on the ground, his head being in a peculiar position and hang-ing over one shoulder. They tried to arouse

They ran home and gave the alarm, and party of men went to the scane. The found that the man had hanged himselwith a wild grape vine. The vine was en-twined around a tree, and he had made a loop of it and thrust his neck in it. This left him hanging with his trunk barely an inch from the ground and his legs inch from the ground and his legs stretched in front of him. Stranguiation evidently was not certain in his awkwar position, and he grasped with both hands a trailer of the vine which was growing close to the ground. He had pulled o and tightened the noose. His hands were found tightly grasping the trailing vine. He was identified today as John Rowan f Sturmerville. There was nothing about the body to indicate the cause of suicide. He was unmarried, and had no relatives living here.

him, and found he was dead.

POLICE ARREST WRIGHT. Held for the Beath of Mrs. Batter to

Boston. BOSTON, May 20.-The police of station 10 are working hard to solve the mystery of the death of Mrs. Desdemona M. Butler. They have a murder theory. The dead woman was about twenty-five years old and had been working at a restaurant aged twenty-one, recently met and fell in

love with her. Two weeks ago Mrz. Butler became ill and young Wright induced his parents to permit her to be taken to their house in Highland Park Avenue, Roxbury. They formed a strong liking for the young wo-man, who was quite pretty. This morning about 1 o'clock the police were notified that

the woman had committed suicide. Edwin Wright, however, was arrested. His statement is that he had been sitting by the woman's bed when she requested him to get her a drink of water. Upon his return from the bathroom, he says, he found a dagger sticking in her breast. He drew the weapon out, ran downstairs, and notified the family. It appears that on Thursday Wright asked the woman to marry him. On Saturday she informed him that she had a husband living, and from whom she was not yet divorced The dagger was one that belonged in the Wright family, and had been missing since

RISKED LIFE FOR HER DOG. A Young Woman Narrowly Escapes

Drowning in a Well. SANDY SPRINGS, Md., May 20 .- At Highland, Howard County, Miss Clara Thompson narrowly escaped death by Thompson narrowly escaped death by against almost insurmountable obstacles drowning in a well while rescuing a pet has won the respect of the civilized world. dog. The animal fell in and the young They are entitled to our sympathy, and we woman was lowered in after it by her would be false to ourselves and to all our woman was lowered in after it by her father and mother. She descended in a father and mother. She descended in a history if we did not give it to them. The bucket, carrying a ladder with her. She sacrifices they have thus for made and the bucket, carrying a ladder with her. She sacrifices they have thus far made and the secured the dog, but while being drawn gulfantry heroism, and bravery they have to the surface the apparatus broke and she exhibited are unequaled and unparalleled fell into the water. She remained there one hour and a half keeping her head above the water by means of the ladder. Assistance was summoned from nearly a mile away and Miss Thompson and her dog were rescued. One of those who came to her aid was Samuel Boswell, seventy-five years old, who swam the Patses of our claritys hast should be a fixed for the fixed for the world. seventy-five years old, who swam the Patuxent River in order to hurry to the res-

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BOERS' WARMLY GREETED

Envoys Enthusiastically Received

at the Mass Meeting.

The Grand Opera House Filled to Overflowing - Cheers for Peace Commissioners - Speeches by Senator Wellington, Representative

Sulzer, Bourke Cockran and Others

A Washington audience, large in size, great in sympathy, and mighty in enthusiasm welcomed Messrs. Fischer, Wessels, and Wolmarans, peace envoys of the South African Republics, at the Grand Opera House, last night. It grew tumultuous as the names of illustrious Americans and brave Boars fell from the lips of speakers. search has been made for it since that Cheers welled up from throats that seemed as strong as Iron, as men spoke the names of Washington, Jackson, Lincoln, and through a financial crisis which wrecked Kruger. Nearly every reference to liberty and freedom called forth a tonal storm houses and brought distress into thousands from the twenty-five hundred men and women crowded into the theatre, and the shouts were taken up and echoed by a throng in the street, which clamored for admittance. These Americans cheered for the flag of the Transvaal. In the decorations the Stars and Stripes of the American Republic and the four-colored flag of the South African Republic were entwined. Above the stage a little Transvaal standard was planed to a great banner of America,

symbolizing the hope of the envoys. A potition to Congress was adopted by acclamation praying for favorable action on the joint resolution presented to the Senate by Mr. Teller and to the House by Mr. Sulzer, expressing the sympathy of the United States for the people of the South African Republic. Money was col-lected and subscribed to be disbursed by the Red Cross Society for the relief of wounded Boer soldiers and the widows and children of these siain in the war.

The speakers were Representative Sul-zer, Mr. Fischer, Mr. Wessels, Mr. Wol-marans. Senator Wellington, Bourke Cock-ran, and Senator Mason, Representative Clark of Missouri, and Representative

Lentz. Among the members of Congress on the Among the members of Congress on the stage and in the boxes and orchestra were Senators Teller, Pettigrew, Mason, Wellington, and Daniel, and Representatives Shafroth, Atwater, Slayden, Glynn, Ruppert, Gaines, Lattimer, Lentz, Sulzer, Landls, Linney, Ryan, Green, Henry of Mississippi, Hay, Sutherland, William Alden Smith, DeArmond, Clark of Missouri, Miers of Indiana, Cox, J. R. Williams, O'Grady, Littlefield, DeGraffenreid, Ridgely, Shackleford, and Bartholdt, Delegate Wilson of Arizona, former Senator gate Wilson of Arizona, former Senator Blair, and former Representative Tim-othy Campbell. No partisan of the Administration in Congress was present. It was given out privately by an authoritative source that President McKinley had been invited to attend, but had declined The name of the President of the United States was not publicly mentioned during

the evening.

Gathering of the Throngs. As the crimson, grey, and blue of the evening faded in the west and electric lights began to twinkle in the green foliage and rainbow bunting of the city, troops of Boer sympathizers began to gather in the glare of the red light that burned in front of the Opera House. A large crowd had assembled before the doors of the play-house were opened. As soon as this was done the theatre filled rapidly, the boxes, the fower and the source behind boxes, the fover, and the space behind the farthest rows of seats being occupied.

The stage was thronged with people, the overflow standing behind the flies. As the orchestra ceased to play, the hairman, Mr. Suizer, escorting the envoys and followed by certain members of voys and followed by certain members of Congress, came upon the stage. As this procession came into view of the audience a storm of applause broke forth. Waves of plaudits, crested with cheers, rolled through the theatre, rising and falling, and then rising again with greater energy, people refusing to obey the admonitory gestures of the chairman as he signaled for certar. naled for order. Men left their seats and, standing, waved their hats as they shouted. Women waved handkerchlefs and fans. Feet, canes, and umbrellas were beat upon the floor. A scene of wonderful confusion

prevailed. When quiet had in a measure been re-stored the meeting was called to order by Capt. Patrick O'Furrell, Treasurer of the Boer relief fund. After a brief 12ference to the significance of the demonstration, he led to the speaker's table, over which was spread a Boer flag, the Rev. Father Macking rector of St. Paul's Catholic Church, who offered an invocation. He asked of the Ruler of Men's Destiny that the a ourge of war might cease and that the lily might spring from the reddened fields of Afri a. Captain O'Farrell then introduced Mr. Sulzer as the chairman of the meeting saying of him that he was "a patriot ani-mated by the same spirit which animated Washington and Lincoln." The comparison was favorably received by the audience and Mr. Sulzer, as he bowed, wa

with prolonged applause, mingled with cheers. Mr. Sulzer's Speech.

Mr. Sulzer said: "The cause of the patriots of South Africa is a just cause. They are defending their homes and repelling a tyrannical and remorseless invader. England's attempt to steal their country is the outrage of the century, the culminating atrocity of criminal British aggression, and should b temned by this Republic and by the Christian powers of the world. In my judgment, of the American people are against England in this bloody war of conquest for sordid gain and in sympathy with the Boers. The best thought of England condemns the conflict, and the awakening conscience of the British Empire peace with honor in the name of humanity. Christianity, and civilization. "In 1776 the patriot fathers of this Re-

public fought England to gain our indendence. The South African patriots are today fighting the same country to mainthin their independence. That is the offly difference. The courage of the Boers in the face of tremendous odds has challenged the admiration of mankind, and their herolam

name of our glorious past, should we now refuse to lend our moral support, our sympathy, and our aid to the patriots of South Africa? Is the great light of the Republic coing out? Is American sentiment dead?
"The concentration of British troops on

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